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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY LEADERS OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION.

1. ONLY TWO OF MILITARY MEN WHO PLANNED AND EXECUTED LIBYAN REVOLUTION HAVE BEEN PUBLICALLY IDENTIFIEDJC NU'ANMAR MOHAMED AL QADHAAFI AND AADIN AL HAWWAZ. (ACCORDING TO LIBYAN ARMY'S PROMOTION LIST, MU'AMMAR AL QADHAAFI'S PREVIOUS RANK WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT, TO WHICH HE WAS PROMOTED ON FEB 8, 1968; AADIM HAWWAZ WAS PROMOTED TO LTC ON AUG 7, 1969).

2. DESPITE SECRECY STILL SURROUNDING REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP, NAMES OF SEVERAL OTHER OFFICERS WHO REPORTEDLY HOLD KEY POSITIONS IN BENGHAZI AREA HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, THE FOLLOWING NAMES HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY SEVERAL SOURCES:
A) MOHAMMED TAHIR AL JADID, WHO WAS PROMOTED TO LT COL ON AUG 7, 1969. WAS REPORTED TO BE IN COMMAND OF RCC HQ AT RADIO/TV STATION LAST WEEK.
B) ABD AL FATTAH YUNIS FARRAJ, WHO WAS PROMOTED TO FIRST LT ON AUG 8, 1968, REPORTEDLY NOW IN CHARGE OF RADIO - TV BROADCASTING.
C) MUSTAPHA MOHAMMED AL KHARUBBI, WHO WAS PROMOTED TO CAPT ON AUG 9, 1969. REPORTEDLY NOW OIC AT BERKA BARRACKS, WHERE

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HE WAS IN CHARGE OF MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP BEFORE REVOLUTION.
D) MOHAMED BUBAKS AL M'GARIEF WHO WAS PROMOTED TO FIRST LT ON AUG 8, 1968. A BERBER, RUMORED TO BE THE SON-IN-LAW OF FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF SENUSSI LATAYWISH. A BIG, QUIET MAN WHO WAS WITH LT QADHAAFI AT BENGHAZI R/TV ON THE FIRST DAY OF REVOLUTION.

3. THESE MEN APPEAR TO BE IN INNER CIRCLE. IN ADDITION, I HAVE MET THREE OTHERS WHO PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLES IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION:
A) CAPTAIN BASHIR, PROBABLY BASHIR ESQAYDA JUWADI, PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN AUG 9, 1969. WAS ACTING AS AIDE TO LTC HAWWAZ DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE REVOLUTION. VERY FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL, SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, HAS TWO PROMINENT GOLD TEETH.
B) CAPTAIN JABRIL, PROBABLY JABRIL AL KADILI, PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN AUG 7, 1969. TALL, THIN, ALWAYS CARRIES A MACHINE PISTOL. SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH, WAS HELPFUL IN EARLY DAYS OF REVOLUTION. APPEARED TO BE SECOND IN COMMAND AT BENINA AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 19.
(C) MANSUR TAYYAAR, APPOINTED SECOND LT AUG 1, 1966. HAS BEEN TO SCHOOL IN THE UK; SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. VERY HELPFUL AND ABLE TO GET THINGS DONE FOR FOREIGNERS DURING EARLY DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION.
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